

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

Camden Concrete Company

Arkansas Manufacturing Solutions

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Saved the Day

Client Profile:

Camden Concrete is a manufacturer of ready-mix concrete. Its manufacturing facility is located in Camden, Arkansas. The company employs 10 people.

Situation:

In 2001, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality sent a notice to Camden Concrete to inform them that they needed a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The owner of Camden Concrete, having received assistance from Arkansas Manufacturing Solutions (AMS), a NIST MEP network affiliate, called Tom Mann, AMS Project Manager, to discuss the plan of actions in regards to the SWPPP.

Solution:

Tom Mann was experienced with SWPPP since he had implemented several in the past. He worked with Camden Concrete personnel to go through the detailed steps needed for the development and implementation of a SWPPP that met the requirements. Since the implementation in 2001, Camden Concrete has sought Tom Mann's assistance annually to review and update the SWPP. Tom was instrumental in pointing out changes in requirements and directing Camden Concrete's attention to conditions that needed adjustments.

In October 2004, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality made a surprise visit to Camden Concrete because of an anonymous complaint from a former employee. The inspector was most surprised to find a SWPPP that has been in place since 2001, and it has been kept up-to-date annually. In addition, the inspector told Camden Concrete that having a SWPPP was a very positive thing for the rating of the company.

Results:

- * Updated SWPPP in place.
- * Avoided a potential fine of \$2000.
- * Saved \$5000 in consultant fees.
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Testimonial:

"I would like to praise you and your team for the excellent service you are providing small manufacturers and companies. We are not equipped and cannot afford the professional services that are so overwhelming to the ordinary small business, such as ours."

Wanda Pickett , President

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